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### CAMPBELL JUROR TALKS.

Foreman Declares There Were No Fears of Lynchburg.

The investigation of Judge Campbell continues. Much of the most damaging testimony for the prosecution was positively contradicted.  
Testimony of a member of the jury that tried Judge Campbell as to what occurred in the jury room was admitted. Heretofore the committee has refused to accept a juror's affidavit or to have him summoned to tell what occurred. Foreman Nicholas Pryor was the juror put on the stand. He declared that the statement of John Bowen that he overheard jurors deliberating on their verdict, that they were expected to acquit Judge Campbell and would be lynched if they did not, was maliciously false.  
R. C. Stinnet and a number of others declared that Bowen would not be believed on oath in Annerst county. He denied that he ever got liquor from Day except for medical purposes. He was finally asked by Judge Loving how he managed to get enough liquor to keep about jurors being lynched if there was a verdict of guilty.  
The witness entered denied, but Judge Loving said he had never seen him sober when Stinnet visited Annerst county.  
T. J. Sinnet, George M. Powell, J. Turner and others testified that they were under the jury room and curious to hear what was going on, but heard nothing about jurors being lynched if there was a verdict of guilty.  
Foreman Pryor was followed on the witness stand by H. D. Lane, G. W. Foster, T. H. Hartless and Henry Carter, all of whom sustained the foreman in his declaration that the statements of Bowen were untrue and that there was no conspiracy or agreement on the part of the jury to acquit Judge Campbell. H. T. Wiley testified as to the adjournment of court. The ruling of the committee tied the hands of the prosecution in examining the jurors. The committee took the position that the jurors might testify as to what occurred, but could not be asked by what process of reasoning the verdict was reached.

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### Virginian May Get Large Estate Of A Former Slave.

John Bowles Flannagan, of King and Queen county, has gone to Omaha, Neb., to look after a possible bequest of valuable property that may come to him in a peculiar manner. It may be given to him by John Flannagan, colored, now 90 years of age, who was a slave of his father, James Flannagan.  
During the Civil War the negro was a hostler for Gen. Simon B. Buckner, and at the close of the war was employed by a party of Western settlers operating in Nebraska, who, having no money to pay him, gave him 40 acres of land, considered worthless. Upon this the old darkey built a cabin, where he has lived ever since. Although he protested and contended that the land was his during the Omaha boom days, no one gave serious consideration to his claims, but took up the land and built on it. He employed counsel and took the matter into the courts, where it has been pending for many years, and has now been finally decided in the old negroes favor.  
Soon after receiving the paper giving an account of old John's life Mr. Flannagan wrote to him and has corresponded with his attorney, who corroborates the statements made in regard to the suit.  
The editor of the Omaha World-Herald wrote to Mr. Flannagan, saying that old John had requested him to write to him that he was anxious to see him, that he must come to Omaha, that he would see him as his "young master" than anyone else and that if he would come there he would give him all of his property, valued at several millions of dollars.

### Father Wanted to Visit His Children, But Was Driven Away.

A habeas corpus case, in which Dr. A. T. Iskanlon, of New York, is the complainant and his wife the defendant, came up before Judge C. E. Nicol for hearing at Manassas Wednesday. Dr. Iskanlon and his wife separated in New York, but with the understanding that he should be allowed to see his children at stated times. The complainant alleges that when he went to see his children he was driven from the house by his wife, who attacked him with a broomstick; that the children were shortly afterwards secretly taken away from New York.  
The children were located at Manassas and Dr. Iskanlon now asks that he be allowed the custody of them. On account of ill health the defendant could not be in court, and the case was continued.

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**Reception to Legislators.**  
The executive mansion in Richmond was ablaze with light Wednesday evening. Gov. and Mrs. Montague held a public reception in honor of the members of the legislature and the State office als. There were a large number of callers and the affair was one of the most brilliant of the season. Gov. and Mrs. Montague were assisted in receiving by members of the governor's staff and their wives. The staff officers wore their uniforms and these with the flags of the State and nation and the flowers gave a blending of bright color to the scene.

**County Officers to be Elected Next Fall.**  
Under the new Constitution the election for county officers will be held in every county in the State next fall. The officers to be chosen are, State Senators and members of the House of Delegates, County Treasurer, Sheriff, attorney for the Commonwealth, county clerk, who shall be the clerk of the circuit court, commissioner of revenue from each magisterial district, supervisors, constables, overseer of the poor and magistrates. All the officers who were formerly elected in the spring will hereafter be elected in the fall.

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## A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Eight Men Burned and Injured at Colliery at Plymouth.

**FIERCE FIRE IN DORRANCE MINE**  
Firing a Blast Caused Powder Explosion, Which Started the Fire, and 500 Workmen Hurried to Places of Safety.  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 12.—A serious explosion occurred yesterday afternoon at No. 11 colliery, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth, four miles from this city. Eight men were burned and injured, two of them seriously. Intense excitement followed the news of the accident, and in less than a half hour hundreds of men, women and children were at the head of the shaft, all of them anxious to learn the names of the victims. One of the injured men brought to the surface could give no detailed story of the explosion, but from what can be learned a naked lamp carried by one of the men in the mine at the time ignited a feeder of gas in one of the chambers, which exploded with terrific force, causing havoc for hundreds of yards in what is called the Bennett vein. Timbers were hurled in every direction, doors in the mine cut loose from their hinges and a any of them were reduced to kindling wood.  
As soon as the accident was made known a number of ambulances were ordered out, and by the time they had reached the mine the injured men were being brought to the surface and sent to their homes, attended in every case by physicians. The injured are: Anthony Tolokitz, burned on hands and shoulders; Thomas Folekiz, burned on face and hands; Michael Zono, burned about head and hands; Richard Morgan, slightly burned; John Oosterli, injured on the head and body; Michael Lutenski, burned and probably fatally injured; Harry Lewis, miner, burned about head and body, serious; unknown foreigner, slightly burned.  
**Miners Had Narrow Escape.**  
A number of miners, accompanied by their laborers, employed at Dorrance colliery, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, had a narrow escape from either death or injury yesterday morning. While at work in the Cooper vein one of them fired a blast which spread flame, causing an explosion from a keg of powder that had been standing in a miners' box not far away. The flame from the powder also ignited a large gas feeder, starting a fire which soon communicated to the brattice or wood work in the mine. There were some 500 miners, laborers and door boys inside, who were hurried to the surface, as the mine is considered to be somewhat gaseous.

General Superintendent Zerbe and his assistant superintendent, Jones, were soon at the scene with a party of fire hoses. They entered the mine, and with the aid of plenty of hose and water, the fire was under control by 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Last evening the fire was subdued. No one was injured and there is no further fear of an outbreak. The loss is not known yet. The report that a lot of mules were burned to death is denied at the mine.

**Miner Fatally Burned.**  
Tamaqua, Pa., February 12.—A heavy explosion of gas occurred in the No. 10 mine of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company yesterday afternoon. Frank Boyle, a miner, was fatally burned and his helper, Joseph Carr, seriously injured. The gas was ignited by a lamp which Boyle carried. His clothes ignited, and in order to escape being cremated he jumped down a 40 foot trench, at the bottom of which there was about two feet of water.

**Ground to Pieces on Railroad.**  
Wilmington, Del., Feb. 12.—James Higgins, aged 45 years, of this city, employed as a painter at the county hospital at Farnhurst, was ground to pieces beneath the Norfolk express north of Farnhurst yesterday. Higgins had been on a visit to relatives in this city and walked on the railroad to the place where the accident occurred. The remains were placed in a box, but the head of the unfortunate man has not been discovered.

**Verdicts Must be Based on Evidence.**  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 12.—The coroners in the various collieries where coal is being mined were notified yesterday by the state mining bureau that hereafter all verdicts of mine accidents must be framed in strict accordance with the evidence. It was formerly the custom to give the name of the person killed and the verdict rendered, without a detailed statement, which must hereafter be made out.

**Carnegie to Visit Tuskegee.**  
Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 12.—Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute for Negro Youths, located here, received from Andrew Carnegie yesterday a letter, advising that it is his plan to accept the invitation extended by Principal Washington some time ago to visit the school. He expects to spend Friday, February 27, at Tuskegee on his way from Florida en route home.

**Killed by "Central Flyer."**  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 12.—John A. Gouse, of White Haven, while crossing the tracks of the Central Railroad of New Jersey here yesterday, was struck by the Central flyer and was instantly killed. He was 21 years of age and employed as a night brakeman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

## THE ALASKAN TREATY

Was Ratified By the Senate in Executive Session.

**TREATY WITH GREECE REPORTED**  
Department of Commerce Bill Was Agreed to by Senate Without Debate and Now Goes to the President for Approval.

Washington, Feb. 12.—In an executive session which lasted only an hour and a half yesterday, the senate, in addition to confirming a large number of nominations, ratified the Alaskan boundary treaty and came near taking similar action on the commercial treaty with Greece, which was reported by Senator Cullom yesterday from the committee on foreign relations.  
There was no delay in securing action of the Alaskan treaty, and very little opposition to it was manifested. Senator Teller said that he considered the Alaskan boundary so well determined as to make it not a matter of dispute. Therefore, while he would not delay it, he would not vote for it. Senator Mason made a few similar remarks, adding that he considered the procedure proposed by the treaty non-American. The ayes and noes were not called, but there were several voices heard in the negative when an informal expression was called for. The ayes were so much more numerous, however, that the decision of the chair to the effect that ratification had prevailed was not challenged.

All the provisions of the Alaskan boundary treaty except one paragraph from the French were adopted.  
The Greek treaty was read through by the clerk, and then Senator Cullom asked that the resolution of ratification be acted on, but Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, objected. He said that he desired an opportunity to examine the provision of the treaty concerning consular trials. He explained that he had no objection to the general purport of the treaty, but said that as the provision was read it seemed to him to be loosely drawn, and he wanted an opportunity to read it carefully before giving his assent to it. The principal purpose of the Greek treaty is the regulation of commerce between Greece and the United States.

Mr. Hanna yesterday called up the conference report on the department of commerce bill in the senate, and it was agreed to without debate. The bill now goes to the president.  
The new department of commerce bill passed by congress provides for another cabinet officer, and places under his control the following bureaus, most of them by transfer from other departments:

Bureau of corporations, bureau of labor, the lighthouse and steamship inspection services, the bureau of navigation and of standards, coast and geodetic service, the immigration service, the shipping commission, bureau of statistics of the treasury department, bureau of foreign commerce of the state department, census bureau and fish commission.  
By the terms of what is known as the Nelson amendment, authority and power is given the new bureau of corporations to require specified returns from large corporations and provision is made for publicity as to their affairs to a certain extent.

### DANISH TREATY MAY DROP

**We Are Likely to Abandon Further Efforts to Secure the Islands.**  
Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, have been discussing the approaching termination by limitation of the period of time allowed for the exchange of ratification of the treaty providing for the cession to the United States of the Danish West Indian Islands.

There are some slight indications that there has been a change of mind respecting the advisability of consummating the treaty on the part of the Danish government, but this has not been so far officially communicated to the state department, and if the time limit expires next June without a reconsideration by the Danish government of its adverse action, the department will abandon further effort to secure the islands.

### No Objection to Treaty.

Havana, Feb. 12.—The senators and members of the house of representatives who conferred on Tuesday with President Palma and the members of the cabinet regarding the coaling stations for the United States navy, yesterday informed the president that they had no objection to the treaty as informally agreed upon between the Cuban government and United States Minister Squiers.

### Turkey May be Drawn Into War.

London, Feb. 12.—According to a despatch from Philopoliis, published in the Standard this morning, the sultan of Turkey is absolutely resolved to fight rather than accept reforms calculated to diminish his authority in Macedonia. The Macedonians, however, says the correspondent, will not wait, and Turkey will almost inevitably be drawn into war with Bulgaria.

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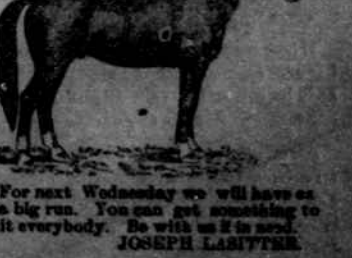
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